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The Situation in Mexico

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1. [REDACTED] reported on 30 November that there is little likelihood that events in Mexico will prevent President Diaz Ordaz from meeting with President Johnson as scheduled on 13 December.

2. The most serious current domestic problem is the student strike which began on 26 July. A settlement is still not definite but there is growing support among students, especially at the National University, to return to classes. Hard-line students at the National Polytechnic Institute also in Mexico City are still holding out and the strike at that school is completely effective.

3. Last Wednesday, intransigent strikers attacked students attending one of the capital's preparatory schools. One student was killed and over 30 injured in the resulting melee. The extremists failed to intimidate the other students and police protection has been requested for those who have returned to classes.

4. During the past two weeks the government has threatened that it would close the universities if the situation did not soon return to normal. There would be widespread criticism for such a move now since the situation appears to be improving.

5. It is possible that further student violence will occur. It is unlikely, however, that it would be well organized or widespread. The majority of students are tired of the strike and want to return to classes as soon as possible.

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6. The Mexican army and the security forces have been firmly in control of the situation since it began, and they remain loyal to the President.

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